GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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MONITORING OF CABLE NETWORK COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total income generated by the Government from various private cable network companies during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has any monitoring agency to check and inspect the Modus-operandi of these cable network companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a): No such record is maintained by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

(b) & (c): The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, aimed to regulate the operation of Cable Television Networks in the country and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, provides that the District Magistrate or a Sub-Divisional Magistrate or a Commissioner of Police will act as authorized officers within his local limits of jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcement of the provisions of the said Act.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.